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CONGRESS is so belligerent that when no other enemy is in sight its members want to fight each other. This week there was what looked from the gallery like a general free fight on the floor of the House. When the committee on Foreign Affairs reported the Cuban resolution to the House, a slight misunderstanding arose, during which Representative Brumm, of Pa., called Representative Bartlett, of Ga., a liar. The Georgia gentleman started for the Pennsylvania gentleman and on the way grabbed a book almost as big as an unabridged dictionary from another member's desk and hurled it at Mr. Brumm. This was a signal for a rush on the part of a score of members and the mix-up was awful for a little while. The principals were taken charge of by their friends and never got together. If Spain had any friends they would do as much for her.

CONSUL GENERAL FITZHUGH LEE, who has been given a reception at Washington such as had not been accorded to any person for a long time, brought no new proof concerning the guilt of Spanish officers in the Maine explosion, but he told the House and Senate Foreign committees, before which he appeared within two hours after his arrival, that he hadn't the slightest doubt that Spanish officials at Havana were cognizant of and responsible for the blowing up of the

Maine, although he did not think that Captain General Blanco either had anything to do with it or had any knowledge of it before the explosion. General Lee says he is anxious to get back to Cuba, not as Consul General, but as an officer in the U. S. army, sent there to drive the Spanish flag off the island. The suggestion has been made and very favorably received, that, in view of General Lee's knowledge of the island, it would be good policy to put him in command of the U. S. army of occupation that will be sent to Cuba, unless there is a hitch in present plans, in a very short time. Gen. Lee agrees with the President that the Cuban insurgents have not yet succeeded in establishing a government that is entitled to recognition as an independent state, and his saying so had a marked effect upon that element in Congress which had been insisting that intervention should be accompanied by a recognition of the independence of the insurgent government.

KANSAS newspapers are being asked by the management of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe to tell of the faith that is in them as to the advantages of Kansas as a land promise for would-be settlers. They are each asked to give a column editorial telling why people ought to locate in Kansas, what can be done with Kansas lands, what they are selling for approximately, and what other vocations besides farming can be successfully prosecuted in the town or county in which the paper is published. The management of the road, through vice-president Paul Morton, agrees to take the most suitable of these editorials, publish them in pamphlet form, and give them wide circulation throughout the eastern and middle states. Mr. Morton believes that immigration to Kansas, which has practically ceased for the last ten years, will be renewed from those states. His scheme for stimulating it should certainly prove effective.